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Subject: Power Fire Closure

To: Project File

From: Susan Skalski, Forest Supervisor

On August 05, 2013, the Power Fire started along the Middle Fork Stanislaus River on the Summit Ranger District near Beardsley Reservoir in Tuolumne County. Currently, crews and firefighters are working an active fire in which fire behavior is unpredictable and dangerous to the public. Tree snags and burning vegetation in the fire area present unsafe conditions for public use. Crews and equipment will be using the roads and trails in the burned area causing potential congestion of these areas and a hazardous condition. As a result, I have decided to close public access to the Power Fire area until the Power Fire is declared out.

Scoping determined that anticipated effects of this proposed action would be administrative in nature. Minimal ground disturbance will occur, and no other additional impact on any natural resources will occur with the implementation of this proposed action. The Forest Service will install signs to alert the public to these prohibitions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 215.4) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

Cc: Rita Plair-Wears



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ORDER NUMBER STF 2013-07

**Power Fire Closure
Stanislaus National Forest**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Summit Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from August 09, 2013, until the Power Fire is declared out.

1. Going into or being upon any National Forest System land within the Power Fire Closure Area. The Power Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the intersection of Forest Road No. 5N95 and the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River, then continues southeast along the southern edge of Forest Road No. 5N95 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 5N02 (Beardsley Road), then continues southeast along the northern edge of Forest Road No. 5N02 to its intersection with State Highway 108, then continues north along the western edge of State Highway 108 to its intersection with Cascade Creek, then continues west along Cascade Creek to its intersection with the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River, then continues southwest along the western bank of the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River, back to the starting point. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Power Fire Closure Area, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

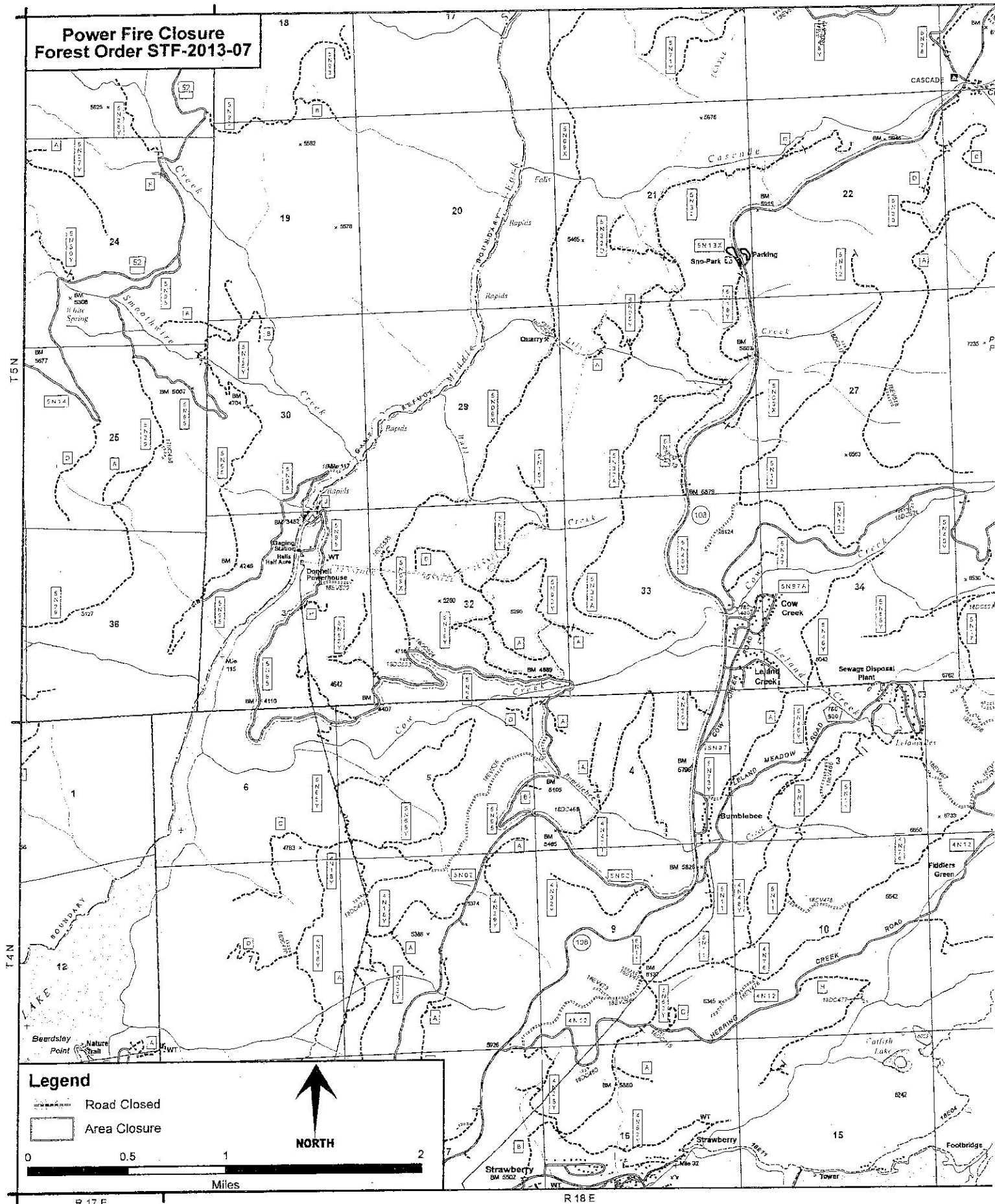
A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Sonora, California, this 08th day of August, 2013.

/s/ Susan Skalski

**Susan Skalski
Forest Supervisor
Stanislaus National Forest**

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Legend

- Road Closed
- Area Closure



NORTH



R 17 E

R 18 E